

DAVID MCKAY, WIFE, HORSES AND WAGON BLOWN OUT OF EXISTENCE

THIRTY FULL QUARTS OF NITROGLYCERINE LET GO

Thirty quarts of nitro-glycerine blew David M. McKay, his wife, two horses and a wagon out of existence Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock on the Buckeye road three miles west of Salem. Only the hind axle of the wagon has thus far been found, and there is no hope of ever finding more than a few fragments of the bodies of the dead man and woman.

Mr. McKay resided at Salem and was an oil well shooter for the Fisher Torpedo Company, of Salem. He had been thus employed several years and bravely incurred the risk, often driving the nitro-glycerine wagon into the oil fields and shooting wells.

Early Wednesday morning accompanied by his wife, he started to the Buckeye field with his two-horse wagon loaded with the explosive, intending to go to a well near West Union to shoot it. The trip was made as far as the Hampton Ford farm three miles out without incident, where in the twinkling of an eye the nitro-glycerine let go with-out a moment's warning and McKay and wife never knew what happened, so quick was their removal from the earth.

The explosion was so terrific that it was heard for miles and the ground surrounding the scene was torn up as if there had been an upheaval. The residents of that section were aroused and several rushed to the scene only to find every vestige of man and woman gone the horses dead at the side of the road, and wagon missing except part of the hind axle.

The news was hurriedly telephoned to Salem, where the excitement soon became intense and parties quickly former to go to the scene of the explosion.

At first it was reported that there were three persons killed, the third being a child of one of McKay's brothers at Salem, who had been picked upon the way out, but later advices stated that no child was with them.

Searching parties went earnestly to work to find the remains of the man and woman. After diligent search they ran across part of an arm and hand of Mrs. McKay and also part of her hair, and most of Mr. McKay's face and parts of two \$20 bills, at points two hundred yards from the spot of the explosion. Just how the accident happened will never be known. There may have been a leakage in one of the cans, or it may have been caused by a jolt from a stone or boulder.

McKay and wife were about 55 years of age and very highly respected. The fearfulness of their demise is deplored and has caused much uneasiness among the families and friends of others engaged in hauling nitro-glycerine.

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TOGO ESCAPED SHIP'S ACCIDENT

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 13—An American naval attaché at Tokio reports the killed and missing on the Misaaka 256, and wounded 343. Togo was not on board at the time of the disaster. Until the battleship is floated the cause of the accident cannot be learned.

FOG CAUSES DEATH

By Associated Press.
Tronton, O., Sept. 13—H. I. Rice, an engineer on the steamer Catherine Davis, was struck by a street car in a fog today and instantly killed.

Sixty Injured

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pr., Sept. 13—The upsetting of a trailed on the Home-stand street railroad near Glenwood bridge today injured sixty people.

THIRD DAY OF CONFERENCE

Today's program at the ninth conference of the Clarksburg district of the Methodist Episcopal church in session at Wallace was as follows:

8:30—Devotional services, T. W. Chidester.
9:00—Business session.
10:30—Sermon—Larkin Bowers.
Wednesday afternoon—2:00—Devotional services, H. S. Bumgardner.

2:15—Business session.
3:00—"How Can the Official Board Help the Pastor?"—O. D. King.

3:15—"How Can the Pastor Assist the Officials in Raising His Salary?"—J. W. Gerrard.

3:00—"How Should the Pastor Employ His Time Between Sabbaths?"—C. E. Feather.

Wednesday evening—7:30—Song service—Wallace choir.

8:00—Sermon, Archibald Moore.

Committees of examination for local preachers:

For license to preach—G. D. Smith, O. D. King.

First year—C. E. Feather, D. B. Orr.

Second year—W. M. Shultz, B. B. Brooks.

Third year—C. E. Deem, Larkin Bowers.

Fourth year—J. W. Gerrard, C. A. Snider.

For reception on trial—A. Moore, W. D. Reed.

COUNTY COURT STILL BUSY

The county court sat again Wednesday with all the members present.

The report of Faris and Holden appointed a committee to contract for bridges at Wallace and Lumberport was approved.

A bridge was ordered built across Limestone creek, east of Wilsonburg.

The clerk's fiduciary report was approved.

Stephen L. Lewin was removed as guardian of Ollie Skinner Lewin and Annie Skinner and Susan C. Skinner was appointed in his stead.

The court changed the boundary line between Clark and Simpson districts in Grasselli so as to include in Simpson district the plants of the Washington Carbon Company and the Grasselli Chemical Company and their buildings. The new dividing line between these two districts is the line between the lands of Samuel O. Kester and the Washington Carbon Company, thence a straight line to the Northwestern turnpike.

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OFFICERS ARRANGE ARMISTICE DETAILS

By Associated Press.
Mukden, Manchuria, Sept. 13—General Fukushima, representing Field Marshal Oyama, and General Ovonovski, representing General Linevitch, met at Shaboth station, north of Chantufu at ten o'clock this morning. They probably will take several days to arrange the details of an armistice.

RECOVERED COAT FROM ABLES' BACK

Riley Ables was caught in Traders alley Tuesday evening wearing a coat the gang of desperadoes had stolen, and Constable Guy Merritt in the presence of a large crowd of people disrobed him as to the coat. Ables claimed he had bought the coat.

FRIENDS WERE HIS VICTIMS

Peter Ratyk is in jail for victimizing a number of persons under the pretense that he intended to engage in the saloon business in Grasselli. It is claimed that he raised at least \$700 from his friends in this manner, and spent the money as fast as they gave it to him.

Ratyk was arrested on two specific warrants, one sworn out by Lawrence Asztolnok and the other by Julius Patai. The former accuses him of obtaining \$70 in money from him under false pretenses and the latter avers that he got \$27 from him in the same way.

Justice James N. David gave Ratyk a hearing Wednesday and held him for the grand jury, fixing his bond at \$500 in each instance, but he failed to give either bond and was committed to jail to await action by the grand jury.

CIRCUIT COURT BEGINS GRIND

Circuit Court and the grand jury were in session Wednesday but the latter has reported no indictments as yet.

James F. Stout vs. Albert Bond, on suggestion, liability of \$126.28 confessed and directed to be paid into court, and case dismissed.

State of West Virginia vs. Hiram D. Nutter, upon a rule and attachment, settled and dismissed.

Traders National Bank vs. J. H. High, upon a suggestion, liability of \$93.08 confessed and amount directed to be paid into court and case dismissed.

Omar W. Swiger vs. C. F. Crane, dismissed without costs.

A rule was issued against Nattie Miles, James Gray, Janie Stewart, Susie Johnson, Lottie Nelson and Laura Martin.

Issue was joined in the case of V. L. Highland et al. vs. E. A. Batten et al.

KORMURA HAS TYPHOID FEVER

By Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 13—The physicians attending Baron Komura today pronounced his disease to be typhoid fever. His intended return trip starting tomorrow has been abandoned and nurses hastily summoned to the apartment.

RED MEN VISIT OLD HICKORY'S HOME

By Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 13—There was no session of the Great Council of Red Men today, the delegates visiting the historic home of President Andrew Jackson.

THE FAIRBANKS RETURN HOME

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 13—Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks returned home today after an absence of over a month, during which time the Vice-President delivered many addresses and with Mrs. Fairbanks visited the principal resorts in New England.

BIG FOUR TRAIN KILLS TWO MEN

Marion, Ind., Sept. 13—John Smith and James H. Ishmael were instantly killed and Oscar Ishmael probably fatally injured this morning when a Big Four construction train crashed into a box car standing on the main track.

HUSBAND STOLE WIFE'S COW

Evan A. Boggs stole a cow Tuesday from his own wife, and is now in jail in default of a bond of \$500 to answer to an indictment by the grand jury.

Mrs. Elizabeth Boggs, his wife, purchased the cow, which is a red and spotted one, for \$45 from her brother-in-law, J. S. Quick, the mail carrier, using pension money her former husband's children had drawn.

Her husband Tuesday took possession of the cow and traded her to Riley Ables for a roane-horse, then the roane horse for a mule, and then sold the mule for five dollars. He went home without cow, horse, mule or money.

Mrs. Boggs asked him about the cow and he made pretense to go to the pasture field for her, but returned without Bossey. Mrs. Boggs began to investigate with the result that she wrote out a warrant against her husband for stealing the cow.

Constable Andrew Lyon arrested him Wednesday and took him before Justice Samuel W. Gordon, where he confessed his guilt.

The magistrate then fixed his bond but he could not give it and had to go to jail.

PHILLIPS PASSES WORTHLESS CHECKS

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 13—Charles Phillips, an oil man from Clarksburg, is in the custody of the police, charged by J. J. Mahoney, proprietor, of the Royal Blue restaurant, with passing two worthless checks of \$10 each and defrauding him of a board bill of \$28.

Mahoney cashed the checks and extended credit to Phillips about a month ago. Phillips left the city and the checks were returned with the mark of "not sufficient funds."

Mahoney met Phillips one th street last evening and asked him for a settlement, which he refused to make. Chief of Police Cleman, happening along at the time, placed Phillips under arrest, and Mahoney had a warrant issued on the board bill charge this morning.

ROSEN ATE WITH PRESIDENT

By Associated Press.
Oyster Bay, Sept. 13—Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, was the guest of President Roosevelt at luncheon today. The nature of his mission was not disclosed. Before leaving America Witte, the Russian plenipotentiary, telegraphed Roosevelt thanks for welcome courtesies.

OLD MURDERER'S BODY FOUND

By Associated Press.
Minot, N. D., Sept. 13—Charles Herzog's body, who left a written confession that he was guilty of a murder, committed near Youngstown, Ohio, more than thirty years ago, has been found by searchers hanging to a tree in a secluded ravine just over the line in unorganized county of Wallace. Pinned to his coat was a note similar to his confession.

BOARD OF EDUCATION IS SUED FOR MONEY

Alexander Stonestreet, on behalf of his daughter, Blanche Stonestreet, has brought suit in Justice Samuel W. Gordon's court to enforce the payment of \$10 by the board of education of Tenmile district for keeping a school house in order. She claims that the board allowed her the amount but that the president and secretary refused to sign an order for more than eight dollars.

ROYER EXPECTS TO PAY DEBTS

It appears that the circulation of the report that James S. Royer had sought to evade the payment of a debt by pleading the minor's act does that young gentleman an injustice since he maintains no such plea was ever made with his consent or approval, nor will it be made. And further that he has no debts that he does not expect to pay in full.

School to Begin

The Columbia school will begin next Monday. The teachers will be M. D. Teter and Miss Esther Gain.

TRADERS ALLEY TO BE WIDENED

At last there is about to be a realization of the fond hope that has been entertained for years that Traders alley, which has been a stench in the nostrils of all for years, is shortly to be widened, paved and made one of the principal business thoroughfares of the city.

It is the very heart of the city and is so situated that it can be made a very useful street. Of the proper width and nicely paved, it will furnish great business opportunity and add great charm to the central portion of the city in the matter of looks. Its being made into a street will do away with the miserable shacks along it, which so greatly injure the appearance of the city and so materially retards its growth.

The matter has been agitated for years, and most all the property owners have been anxious to dedicate a sufficient strip of land to make it a street of proper width, but the corner properties have heretofore blocked the plan, or at least that has always been the impression.

But, now there is an opportunity. It is stated that the Glancy property owners are willing to give five feet of their place on the corner of the alley and Fourth street. On the opposite side the Clifford heirs have torn down the old building and are preparing to erect a permanent brick building, and now before the building is begun is the time to get five feet on that side.

There ought not to be any trouble about getting it, as the owners are fair and can readily see how much more valuable their property would be with a fine street there instead of a miserable alley.

With that end of the alley clear for action, there ought not to be any trouble about obtaining the proper width at the other end, and, with that done the widening and paving of the street are assured, and following that will be the erection of fine business blocks and greater things for the central part of the city.

The matter is of such urgency that the mayor ought to lose no time in calling a special session of the council to take immediate action.

MOUNTAIN FARMER NOT VIOLATOR

United States Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp brought George Keltzman here Tuesday night from near Harmon, Randolph county, whom he arrested at his home Monday on a warrant sworn out at Parkersburg, charging him with carrying on the business of a distiller in Rich mountains without a government license, and placed him in jail.

Upon the arrival of three witnesses from Randolph county Wednesday morning Keltzman was taken before United States Commissioner Thomas S. Spates, but none of the witnesses could give testimony against him and the warrant was dismissed.

The witnesses were Ashery W. Lang, James K. Smith and Charles E. Mallow. They all swore that the prisoner had been busy all summer working hard on his farm.

ANOTHER LAND MARK GONE

The old frame blacksmith shop belonging to A. G. Fordyce had to give way to the onward march of progress, and was razed to the ground today. The shop formerly faced on Main street until moved to the rear to make way for the three-story brick building now occupying this site.

Off To The Races

Among the number of Clarksburg race enthusiasts who attended the third day of the Lewis county fair at Weston were: Messrs. Camden Sommers, F. R. Moore, Ellsworth Cork, Thos. Henaghan, Van Cleary and Arthur Budd. Miltax and Nettina, two of the Elk Valley stable thoroughbreds will start there today.

Japanese Tea

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will hold a Japanese tea tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the lecture room of the church. Everybody invited and a good time is assured.

Mrs. Parks Talks

Mrs. Parks, of Fairmont, state president of the Woman's Christian Union, addressed the local union, Tuesday afternoon at a meeting in the Smith hall on West Main street. The address was confined mostly to the coming state convention in Wheeling and was quite enthusiastic.

MAN FATALLY INJURED BY ENGINE IN YARD

PRATT MIXED WITH GANG

J. M. Pratt, the well known fur dealer, came in from Salem Tuesday night, having heard that a warrant had been issued against him charging him with receiving stolen goods from C. C. Moore's gang of desperadoes, who are now in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. After some inquiry he ascertained that the warrant had been issued at the office of Justice M. S. Riley. He went there to answer it, but the magistrate continued the case until Sept. 19, and took Pratt's recognition for one thousand dollars to appear for a hearing before him on that date.

Members of the gang stated that they had sold some of the stolen goods and that is how the warrant happened to be issued.

It is understood that Pratt does not deny having bought goods from the fellows, but he had no idea they had been stolen.

Mr. Pratt has ever been honorable in his dealings and all who know him say he is as honest as the day is long. He began life with nothing and has accumulated quite a respectable fortune by his thrift and good trading, and has a large income from oil wells.

MINERS ARRESTED BOUND THIS WAY

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 13—Arthur Wilburt and Wilbur Turner, who hail from Virginia and said they were on their way to Clarksburg, were brought before Squire Ruttenutter last evening by Officer Pounds. They had come in on this stage of their journey on an O. R. freight. They pleaded guilty and were fined five dollars and costs each. Wilburt had a fine gold watch, which he put up for both fines, and the two left, still bound for Clarksburg, where they expect to get work in the mines. Wilburt promised to send back money and redeem the watch and probably will do so, if he has any luck, as the timepiece is worth much more than the amount of the fines.

LECTURE AT BROADDUS

Mr. John Griffith, the eminent tragedian, who produces "King Richard The Third" at the opera house on next Tuesday night, has consented to give the students of Broaddus Institute a special lecture and reading on the plays of the immortal "Bard of Avon." Wm. Shakespeare. The students are studying many of the Shakespearian plays in their course at the college and are naturally very much interested in Mr. Griffith's proposed lecture to them and they have also expressed their desire to attend his evening performance in a large party.

"ARTHUR YOST" IS HIS NAME

United States Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp has at last learned the name of the "Big Feeling Train," who is in jail on the charge of violating the internal revenue laws. Col. Hupp says the fellow is Arthur Yost, of Mannington, and that he served a term in the penitentiary for robbery. He is said to have an uncle in Fairmont, and is a member of a prominent Marion county family.

Dance at Union Park

The dance at Union park last night by Wells' orchestra, duplicated the success of the previous galls that have been held at this attractive resort. Quite a large number of two-steppers turned out to enjoy the delightful music. Zeke Walters has recovered and led the orchestra with his customary grace. Zeke said, "Gosh all hemlock, but that dance was tarnation good. By ginger, them fellers and gals was sure hoodin' it. Got so dry callin' figgers, I chawed all my rosin up. By gravy I'm goin' agin." The next one of these attractive dances will be given Thursday of this week.